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INVENTION: "BICARBONATE-BASED SOLUTION IN TWO PARTS FOR PERITONEAL DIALYSIS OR SUBSTITUTION IN CONTINUOUS RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY"

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Please enter the following Amendment After Final in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMSPlease amend Claims 1 and 21 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A two-part bicarbonate containing solution, the solution comprising:

a first part housed in a first container, the first part including an alkaline bicarbonate concentrate having a pH ranging from 8.6 to 10.0;

a second part housed in a second container, the second part including an acidic concentrate having a pH ranging from about 1.0 to 3.0, the pH of the acidic concentrate effective to obtain, when the first part and the second part are mixed together, a mixed solution having a pH ranging from 6.5 to 7.6.

7. (Once Amended) A two-part bicarbonate containing solution, ~~each part being~~
~~separately stored from the other part until use, the solution comprising:~~